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International Air Transport Association  
Agreement Relating to Liability  
Limitations of the Warsaw Convention

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NOTICE OF TIME FOR FILING ANSWERS

By Order 95-2-44 the Department granted discussion authority and antitrust immunity to IATA for the purpose of reaching an Agreement among carriers to waive the liability limits of the Warsaw Convention, pending the entry into force of amendments to the Convention to establish an acceptable level and regime of liability for airline passengers.

IATA convened an Airline Liability Conference in Washington, D.C. from June 19-23, 1995. The Report of the Conference proposes the establishment of two working groups to further study and prepare drafts for a proposed intercarrier agreement. The IATA Secretariat, in consultation with the Legal Advisory Group, and taking account of the Reports of the Working Groups, is to prepare and circulate draft texts of an intercarrier agreement and a plan for an appropriate and effective means to secure complete compensation, by August 31, 1995, for consideration at the 1995 IATA Annual General Meeting scheduled for October 30-31, 1995, in Kuala Lumpur.

The anti-trust immunity granted by Order 95-2-44 expires July 6, 1995. By application filed June 26, IATA requests extension of antitrust immunity to December 31, 1995. IATA also requests that the conditions of Order 95-2-44 be modified to permit meetings at locations other than Washington, D.C., with the assurance that a U.S. carrier would be included in each working group, and that an advanced notice of the discussions would be furnished to DOT and DOJ, but not to all carriers.

Because of the tight time table proposed, and in order to avoid a significant lapse in the anti-trust immunity, IATA requests that the answer period for its extension application be shortened to five days.

In view of the foregoing, we will grant IATA's request to shorten the answer period. Answers or comments on IATA's application to extend discussion authority and antitrust immunity to December 31, 1995, and for other relief, will be due five (5) days from the date of this notice.

By:

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Dated: June 28, 1995